

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0089] through [0092] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0089] Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) shows a nucleotide sequence that includes a cDNA sequence encoding the C-terminal part of human PDGF-D (hPDGF-D). The nucleotides which encode for the partial fragment of hPDGF-D are 1 to 198. ~~The Figure 2 shows the~~ deduced partial amino acid sequence of hPDGF-D (66 amino acid residues-SEQ ID NO:2) derived from nucleotides 1 to 198 of Figure 1 ~~is shown in Figure 2 ;~~

[0090] Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:3) shows an extended sequence of a partial human cDNA encoding for the hPDGF-D. The translated cDNA sequence is from nucleotide 1 to 600. ~~The Figure 4 shows the~~ deduced partial amino acid sequence of hPDGF-D (200 residues-SEQ ID NO:4) derived from nucleotides 1 to 600 of Figure 3 ~~is shown in Figure 4 ;~~

[0091] Figure 5 shows a still further extended nucleotide sequence of a partial human cDNA. The nucleotides which encode for the 5'-truncated full-length hPDGF-D are 1 to 966 (SEQ ID NO:5). ~~The Figure 6 shows the~~ deduced partial amino acid sequence of hPDGF-D (322 residues-SEQ ID NO:6) derived from nucleotides 1 to 966 of Figure 5 ~~is shown in Figure 6 ;~~

[0092] Figure 7 (SEQ ID NO:7) shows the complete nucleotide sequence of cDNA encoding a hPDGF-D(1116 bp) and the deduced amino acid sequence of full-length hPDGF-D encoded thereby which consists of 371 amino acid residues, and Figure 8 again shows the amino acid sequence of full-length hPDGF-D (~~Figure 8~~ SEQ ID NO:8);